

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the
Eastern District of Michigan

United States of America

v.

Sedequa Monet Graham

Defendant

Case No. 16-30546

ORDER OF DETENTION PENDING TRIAL**Part I - Eligibility for Detention**

Upon the

- ☒ Motion of the Government attorney pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f)(1), or
☐ Motion of the Government or Court's own motion pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f)(2),

the Court held a detention hearing and found that detention is warranted. This order sets forth the Court's findings of fact and conclusions of law, as required by 18 U.S.C. § 3142(i), in addition to any other findings made at the hearing.

Part II - Findings of Fact and Law as to Presumptions under § 3142(e)

- ☒ **A. Rebuttable Presumption Arises Under 18 U.S.C. § 3142(e)(2)** (*previous violator*): There is a rebuttable presumption that no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the safety of any other person and the community because the following conditions have been met:
- ☐ (1) the defendant is charged with one of the following crimes described in 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f)(1):
- ☐ (a) a crime of violence, a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1591, or an offense listed in 18 U.S.C. § 2332b(g)(5)(B) for which a maximum term of imprisonment of 10 years or more is prescribed; **or**
 - ☐ (b) an offense for which the maximum sentence is life imprisonment or death; **or**
 - ☐ (c) an offense for which a maximum term of imprisonment of 10 years or more is prescribed in the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. §§ 801-904), the Controlled Substances Import and Export Act (21 U.S.C. §§ 951-971), or Chapter 705 of Title 46, U.S.C. (46 U.S.C. §§ 70501-70508); **or**
 - ☐ (d) any felony if such person has been convicted of two or more offenses described in subparagraphs (a) through (c) of this paragraph, or two or more State or local offenses that would have been offenses described in subparagraphs (a) through (c) of this paragraph if a circumstance giving rise to Federal jurisdiction had existed, or a combination of such offenses; **or**
 - ☒ (e) any felony that is not otherwise a crime of violence but involves:
 - (i) a minor victim; (ii) the possession of a firearm or destructive device (as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 921);
 - (iii) any other dangerous weapon; or (iv) a failure to register under 18 U.S.C. § 2250; **and**
- ☐ (2) the defendant has previously been convicted of a Federal offense that is described in 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f)(1), or of a State or local offense that would have been such an offense if a circumstance giving rise to Federal jurisdiction had existed; **and**
- ☐ (3) the offense described in paragraph (2) above for which the defendant has been convicted was committed while the defendant was on release pending trial for a Federal, State, or local offense; **and**
- ☐ (4) a period of not more than five years has elapsed since the date of conviction, or the release of the defendant from imprisonment, for the offense described in paragraph (2) above, whichever is later.

☐ **B. Rebuttable Presumption Arises Under 18 U.S.C. § 3142(e)(3)** (*narcotics, firearm, other offenses*): There is a rebuttable presumption that no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the appearance of the defendant as required and the safety of the community because there is probable cause to believe that the defendant committed one or more of the following offenses:

- ☐ (1) an offense for which a maximum term of imprisonment of 10 years or more is prescribed in the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. §§ 801-904), the Controlled Substances Import and Export Act (21 U.S.C. §§ 951-971), or Chapter 705 of Title 46, U.S.C. (46 U.S.C. §§ 70501-70508);
- ☐ (2) an offense under 18 U.S.C. §§ 924(c), 956(a), or 2332b;
- ☐ (3) an offense listed in 18 U.S.C. § 2332b(g)(5)(B) for which a maximum term of imprisonment of 10 years or more is prescribed;
- ☐ (4) an offense under Chapter 77 of Title 18, U.S.C. (18 U.S.C. §§ 1581-1597) for which a maximum term of imprisonment of 20 years or more is prescribed; **or**
- ☐ (5) an offense involving a minor victim under 18 U.S.C. §§ 1201, 1591, 2241, 2242, 2244(a)(1), 2245, 2251, 2251A, 2252(a)(1), 2252(a)(2), 2252(a)(3), 2252A(a)(1), 2252A(a)(2), 2252A(a)(3), 2252A(a)(4), 2260, 2421, 2422, 2423, or 2425.

☐ **C. Conclusions Regarding Applicability of Any Presumption Established Above**

☒ The defendant has not introduced sufficient evidence to rebut the presumption above.

OR

☐ The defendant has presented evidence sufficient to rebut the presumption, but after considering the presumption and the other factors discussed below, detention is warranted.

Part III - Analysis and Statement of the Reasons for Detention

After considering the factors set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3142(g) and the information presented at the detention hearing, the Court concludes that the defendant must be detained pending trial because the Government has proven:

- ☒ By clear and convincing evidence that no condition or combination of conditions of release will reasonably assure the safety of any other person and the community.
- ☒ By a preponderance of evidence that no condition or combination of conditions of release will reasonably assure the defendant's appearance as required.

In addition to any findings made on the record at the hearing, the reasons for detention include the following:

- ☒ Weight of evidence against the defendant is strong
- ☐ Subject to lengthy period of incarceration if convicted
- ☐ Prior criminal history
- ☐ Participation in criminal activity while on probation, parole, or supervision
- ☐ History of violence or use of weapons
- ☒ History of alcohol or substance abuse
- ☒ Lack of stable employment
- ☒ Lack of stable residence
- ☒ Lack of financially responsible sureties
- ☐ Lack of significant community or family ties to this district

- ☐ Significant family or other ties outside the United States
☐ Lack of legal status in the United States
☐ Subject to removal or deportation after serving any period of incarceration
☒ Prior failure to appear in court as ordered
☐ Prior attempt(s) to evade law enforcement
☐ Use of alias(es) or false documents
☐ Background information unknown or unverified
☒ Prior violations of probation, parole, or supervised release

OTHER REASONS OR FURTHER EXPLANATION:

This is a presumption case. Defendant is charged in a criminal complaint with Sex Trafficking of a Minor. Defendant is 20 years old and has no stable residence, no employment, and consumes marijuana and alcohol (three cups of Hennessy at a time) on a regular basis. The complaint alleges that on September 13, 2106 the police in Madison Heights encountered a 17 year old girl at the Knights Inn who told them that she was being "tricked out" by the Defendant since she was 15 years old. MV-1 was transported to the Madison Heights PD and when interviewed stated that Defendant Graham (aka "PINK") reached out to her on Facebook two years previously and she started working for her as a prostitute. MV-1 advised that Defendant created backpage.com advertisements for her under the name "Candi" and listed MV-1's phone number. The advertisement reads: "Come see the New New Candi, I'm here to make your day and please you in every way, I'm 5'3" red hair and wear a A cup 30 and I weight (sic)120 I'm decent and clean fetish friendly and triple threat domic, I'm small but can take big things. Come See me daddy, 248.785.8447, No Pimps, No Texts, No Law, 150\$ hour Outcalls, 100\$ Hh, 200\$Hr"

The complaint also alleges that on September 23, 2016 the Redford PD responded to a report of prostitution at a motel in Redford. MV-1 was found in room 106, and she told police that she was being forced into prostitution by Defendant (aka "PINK"). In the next room (105), Defendant was found, and after waiving her Miranda rights told police that she has known MV-1 for two years and knew that she was 15 years old when she recruited her.

On 12/28/16 agents arrested Defendant who admitted to posting for MV-1 and soliciting MV-1. Defendant used the email account "slutnationinc@gmail.com" to conduct her business on backpage.com.

Defendant has three outstanding failure to appear warrants, one violation of probation, one possession of marijuana conviction, and one charge of Misdemeanor Sex Offense Excluding Assault and Commercializing, emanating from the 9/23/16 events described above. The government proffered 12 exhibits containing copies of Defendant's Facebook postings, and copies of Defendant's cell phone SMS messages, all of which describe the conduct referenced in the Criminal Complaint, with Defendant referring to herself as a "Madame", scheduling dates for MV-1 and collecting money.

Pretrial Services interviewed this Defendant and recommends detention. The relevant statutory factors were reviewed on the record. This Court finds that there is clear and convincing evidence that Defendant poses a danger to the community, and that a preponderance of the evidence establishes Defendant as a flight risk. There is no condition or combination of conditions that would assure the safety of the community or Defendant's appearance in Court. The presumption of detention has not been successfully rebutted. Detention is Ordered.

Part IV - Directions Regarding Detention

The defendant is remanded to the custody of the Attorney General or to the Attorney General's designated representative for confinement in a corrections facility separate, to the extent practicable, from persons awaiting or serving sentences or being held in custody pending appeal. The defendant must be afforded a reasonable opportunity for private consultation with defense counsel. On order of a court of the United States or on request of an attorney for the Government, the person in charge of the corrections facility must deliver the defendant to a United States Marshal for the purpose of an appearance in connection with a court proceeding.

Date: January 3, 2017

s/Mona K. Majzoub

Judge's Signature

Mona K. Majzoub, U.S. Magistrate Judge

Name and Title